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IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The foregoing documents came to applicants' attention during the search of their corresponding International application.

An English translation of document A2 is not readily available; however, English language abstract has been provided. The absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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